



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 189**

February Session, 2002

Substitute Senate Bill No. 78

*Senate, March 27, 2002*

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. WILLIAMS of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

### **AN ACT CONCERNING COMPANION ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22-354 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

3 Any dog or cat imported into this state shall be accompanied by a  
4 certificate of health issued not later than thirty days after the date of  
5 importation by a licensed, graduate veterinarian stating that such dog  
6 or cat is free from symptoms of any infectious, contagious or  
7 communicable disease, and that such dog or cat, if three months of age  
8 or older, is currently vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian. A  
9 copy of such health certificate shall be forwarded promptly to the  
10 commissioner from the livestock sanitary official of the state of origin.  
11 Any dog or cat originating from a rabies quarantine area must have  
12 permission of the State Veterinarian prior to importation into this state.  
13 No person, firm or corporation shall import or export for the purposes

14 of sale or offering for sale any dog or cat under the age of eight weeks  
15 unless such dog or cat is transported with its dam and no person, firm  
16 or corporation shall sell within the state any dog or cat under the age  
17 of eight weeks. Any person, firm or corporation violating the  
18 provisions of this section or bringing any dog or cat into this state from  
19 an area under quarantine for rabies shall be fined not more than one  
20 hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days or both.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2002

***Statement of Legislative Commissioners:***

In section 1, "within thirty days of" was changed to "not later than thirty days after" for purposes of clarity.

***ENV***      *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING COMPANION ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES****SUMMARY:**

This bill sets a 30-day deadline for a person importing a dog or cat into the state to get a health certificate from a licensed, graduate veterinarian stating that the animal (1) is free of any infectious, contagious, or communicable disease and (2) if older than three months, has been vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian. Violators are subject to a fine of up to \$100, 30 days imprisonment, or both.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2002

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 27      Nay 0